(a) whether it is a fact that a new Crop Insurance Scheme was inaugurated sometime last year for the benefit of the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the scheme has not evoked encouraging response in many of the States;

(d) if so, whether reasons therefore have been identified; and

(e) if answer to (d) above is in the affirmative, what steps have been taken to improve the scheme in order to ensure its greater acceptability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A new scheme titled "National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)—(Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojna) has been introduced for implementation in the country from Rabi 1999-2000 season. The new scheme which is available to all States/ UTs, envisages coverage of all farmers (loanee and non-loanee) growing foodgrains, oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops subject to the availabilty of past yield data. Cotton, Potato and Sugarcane crops are covered first time under Crop Insurance. Premium rates in respect of food crops and oilseeds range between 2.5% to 3.5% during Kharif and 1.5% to 2.0% during Rabi season. In case of annual Commercial/horticultural crops actuarial premium rates are charged.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Ten States and two Union Territory viz. Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mghalaya, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry have already given their consent for implementation of the scheme and some more States are likely to join from Kharif 2000 season.

However, some States i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal etc. have suggested certain changes in the financial implications of the scheme. These suggestions would be considered at the time of the review of the NAIS.

Production and Consumption of Milk

2305. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production and consumption of milk in the country State-wise during December, 1999;

(b) what is the total demand for milk in the country;

(c) what is the annual growth in the consumption of milk and milk products during the last three years; and

(d) what is the position of India among the top ten countries in milk production alongwith details of top ten countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Estimated production of milk for 1998-99 and State-wise per capita consumption of milk as estimated by National Sample Survey Organisation (50th round) are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) On the basis of Indian Council of Medical Research's recommended dietary intake of 220 gms milk per person per day, the total estimated requirement of milk in the country is 77.96 million tonnes for 1998- 99.

(c) As per National Sample Survey Organisation's quinquennial surveys on consumer expenditure, the latest available results for 50th and 43rd round show growth in per capita milk consumption of 3.52% for rural areas and 2.32% for urban areas.

(d) India ranks first among the milk producing countries in the World. The details of top ten countries are given in Statement-II. (*See* below).

Statement I

	States	Estimated Production of milk in 1998-99 (000 MT)	Estimated Per capita consumption of milk (in litres) for 30 days Rural	Urban
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4620.00	2.62	3.92
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	44.5	0.43	2.43
3.	Assam	798.0	1.21	1.66
4.	Bihar	3498.0	2.39	3.49
5.	Goa	41.0	2.59	3.25
6.	Gujarat	4903.0	5.07	6.21
7.	Haryana	4527.0	13.82	9.10
8.	Himachal Pradesh	728.0	7.52	8.95
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	990.0	7.26	9.11
10.	Karnataka	4378.0	2.88	4.42

	States	Estimated Production of milk in 1998-99 (000 MT)	Estimated Per capita consumption of milk (in litres) for 30 days Rural	Urban
11.	Kerala	2675.0	2.61	3.27
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5442.0	2.76	4.08
13.	Maharashtra	5608.0	2.50	4.72
14.	Manipur	65.0	0.12	0.17
15.	Meghalaya	61.0	1.32	3.46
16.	Mizoram	21.5	0.69	1.90
17.	Nagaland	47.5	0.25	0.81
18.	Orissa	745.0	0.77	2.20
19.	Punjab	7570.0	14.33	9.70
20.	Rajasthan	6150.0	10.41	7.53
21.	Sikkim	40.0	4.77	5.41
22.	Tamil Nadu	4275.0	2.12	3.80
23.	Tripura	45.0	1.43	2.29
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13552.0	5.44	5.63
25.	West Bengal	3441.0	1.54	2.73
	U.T.s			
26.	A&N Islands	22.0	1.63	1.93
27.	Chandigarh	43.0	8.64	9.48
28.	D. & N. Haveli	8.0	1.08	3.57
29.	Daman Diu	1.0	3.35	5.75
30.	Delhi	289.0	8.69	8.64
31.	Lakshadweep	1.0	0.29	0.39
32.	Pondicherry	36.0	2.99	4.10
	ALL INDIA:	74665.5		
		All India-50th round July 1993-June 1994:	3.94	4.89
		All India-43rd round July 1987-June 1988:	3.20	4.26

Statement II

Top ten Countries producing milk during 1998

(000 MT)

Rank	Name of the Country	Milk Production
1.	India	74665
2.	United States of America	71260
3.	Russian Federation	32268
4.	Germany	28522
5.	France	25223
6.	Pakistan	22039
7.	Brazil	20354
8.	United Kingdom	14650
9.	Ukrain	12729
10	Poland	11801

Watershed Development Project in Assam

2306. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of fund relased for Watershed Development Project in Assam for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(b) the number of districts involved in the project and on what basis the fund is allocated to the districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The total amount of fund released for National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) by the Government of India to Assam is as follows:—

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1998-99	125.00
1999-2000	Nil

(b) The number of districts involved in the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) during 9th Plan is 22. Fund is allocated to respective districts on the basis of the projects submitted.